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FALL RIVER BURGLARY.

[Special Dispatch to the Transcript.]
FALL RIVER, Feb. 22.—The residence of
Edward E. Hathaway, cashier of the Po-
casett National Bank, was entered by
burglars last night. Jewels and money
worth \$2000 was carried away. The jew-
els taken were kept locked in a case, and
the key deposited in a secret drawer.
The case was unlocked but the key was
found in the usual hiding place.

FINANCIAL

Legal holiday. Stock exchanges closed.

By Telegraph

3.00 O'CLOCK.

FOR ARBITRATION.

A Great Meeting in Inde-
pendence Hall at Phila-
delphia Today.

A LETTER FROM CLEVELAND

TELEGRAMS AND MESSAGES
FROM MANY GREAT MEN
AND FROM BOTH SIDES
OF THE ATLANTIC.

[Special Dispatch to the Transcript.]
PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 22.—Old Inde-
pendence hall was today the scene of an en-
thusiastic peace conference. Delegates
crowded the rooms of the Universal Peace
union to show their favor for the scheme
of international arbitration.

Judge Ashman presided, and the vener-
able Frederick Fraley, was made vice
chairman of the meeting.

A letter from President Cleveland was
read. It assured his hearty sympathy
with any movement tending to establish
peaceful agencies for the adjustment of
international disputes.

Letters and telegrams were also received
from Professor Bryce, Major General
Miles, Captain Mahan, Archbishop Ryan,
Charles Francis Adams. Letters also
came from Secretaries Smith and Morton,
Postmaster General Wilson. A letter
came from Chicago signed by George W.
Swift, Philip Armour, Mr. Pullman, Mr.
Field and others.

Anglo-American arbitration committee
sent to the chairman of arbitration demon-
stration held in Philadelphia today, the
following message, "Heartiest greetings to
our American kinsmen, who are celebrat-
ing Washington's birthday. We join with
you in doing honor to your national hero
by advocating fraternal union through a
permanent court of arbitration for the
peaceful and honorable adjustment of all
differences arising in the English speak-
ing family."

At the conclusion of the reading of letters
and telegrams, James M. Brek delivered
the address of welcome, and W. E. Dodge
on behalf of the committee responded.

Edward Atkinson followed, his subject
being "Economic Aspects of the Ques-
tion." Prominent out-of-town delegates
are Rev. V. Hudson Shaw of Oxford, Eng-
land, Rev. Washington Gladden, Colum-
bus, O., George S. Hale and R. L. Dana of
Boston, president Hyde of Bowdoin col-
lege.

Other distinguished persons sending
telegrams and letters were Congressman
Dingley, Justice Brewer, Mr. Hill
chairman of foreign relations committee
of the house, ex-Senator Edmunds, Sen-
ator Wolcott, Charles Dudley Warner, Ed-
win T. Mead, R. U. Johnson of The Cen-
tury, President Patten of Princeton, Pro-
fessor Woolsey, William Allen, Rev. Dr.
Clark, president of the Christian En-
deavor, Prof. Charles Eliot Norton of
Cambridge, Timothy Dwight of Yale,
Rev. Edward Everett Hale and Arch-
bishop Ireland.

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versary of the birth of Washington which
was more generally observed in Philadel-
phia today than has been the case for
many years.

MILLS ON SHORT TIME.

[Special Dispatch to the Transcript.]
ROCKVILLE, Conn., Feb. 22.—The woolen
manufacturers of this city at a meeting
last evening voted to begin running on
two-thirds time on Monday. About 200
employees are affected. These mills man-
ufacture the woolsens, but it is claimed
under the present tariff they are unable
to compete with foreign manufacturers.
Reagan's mills, Fitch stocking mills and
Belting Bros.' silk mills are also running
on short time.

THE MANITOBA SCHOOLS.

[Special Dispatch to the Transcript.]
HALIFAX, Feb. 22.—The Orange Grand
lodge of Nova Scotia has passed strong
resolutions against any interference by
the Dominion government with the Mani-
toba schools and calling upon all Orange-
men to support only those candidates for
parliamentary honors who pledge them-
selves to support non-interference with
the Manitoba school question.

A DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.

[Special dispatch to the Transcript.]
BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 22.—Fifteen fam-
ilies were rendered homeless and several

By Telegraph

5.00 O'CLOCK.

WASHINGTON'S DAY.

It Is Celebrated Today More
Generally Than Ever
Before.

A DAY FOR PATRIOTISM.

WASHINGTON CITY HAS A
PECULIAR MILITARY DIS-
PLAY. OTHER CITIES
CELEBRATE.

[Special Dispatch to the Transcript.]
EL PASO, Feb. 22.—Fitzsimmons has
paid his respects to Corbett today in re-
fusing to recognize Corbett's right to chal-
lenge him. He said: "I'll totally ignore
that fellow Corbett. I whipped with ease
the man Corbett presented the champion-
ship belt to, showing how little his cham-
pionship amounted to. Let him whip
Maher or Choyanski before he opens his
head to me. Both want to fight him. He
has no right to enter the ring with me."

"I now formally renounce all claim to
that belt and refuse to accept it. I am go-
ing to Madison Square Garden Feb. 29,
and will sail for England after filling half
a dozen contracts."

Sports in Pittsburgh lost \$10,000 on Maher
who was considered a sure winner, and
Pittsburghers bet on him freely even later
than December.

The city of Mexico officials of the de-
partment of foreign relations say regard-
ing yesterday's prize fight say that noth-
ing can be done to punish the people con-
cerned, as they merely violated what is
practically only police regulation. The
case is not an extraditable one.

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eral condition is worse with increasing
weakness.

He has relapses from which he rallies
temporarily, but death is expected at any
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the longest.

MINISTER CHANGES.

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celebrating the 164th anniversary of the
birth of the city's founder, and in whose
honor it was named. There were impos-
ing military parades extending along
Pennsylvania avenue from the capitol
past the white house this morning and
afternoon, in which all the District of
Columbia militia paraded.

Cycle corps with day rations and 20
rounds of cartridges demonstrated the
adaptability of the bicycle to military
purposes by throwing a skirmish line ten
miles up and down the Potomac river
where a sham battle was held on Capitol
hill.

A distinguished audience gathered in
the senate chamber to hear the president
pro tempore of that body, Senator Frye of
Maine, read Washington's farewell ad-
dress. The oldest inhabitants held im-
pressive ceremonies in honor of the day
and the Legion of Loyal women also com-
memorated the anniversary by appropriate
exercises. All the executive departments
were closed.

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—The 164th anni-
versary of Washington's birthday was
celebrated in New York city today. Busi-
ness was suspended and flags were flying
over public and business buildings. The
uniformed company of the exempt fire-
men's association were out early to do
honor to Washington's memory. The
men marched down Broadway to the
bridge and proceeded thence over to
Brooklyn where they headed the proces-
sion of forty-six companies of Kings and
Queens today "exempt" which paraded
there in honor of the day.

BOSTON, Feb. 22.—Washington's birth-
day was generally observed here today by
the closing of national, state, municipal
buildings and business houses. At sunrise
a salute of twenty-one guns from Fort
Warren was fired, church bells were rung,
and from all public buildings the stars
and stripes were flung to the breeze. At
a number of the churches patriotic meet-
ings and children's services were held. All
the theatres and other places seemed to
have a full quota of holiday attendants,
while local patriotic societies were cele-
brating with banquets, speeches and songs
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ish minister at Washington, has wired to
his government his belief that it will be
impossible for the United States to recog-
nize the Cuban insurgents.

TWO DEATHS IN THE FAMILY

[Special Dispatch to the Transcript.]
WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Mrs. Amelia
Waite, widow of the late Chief Justice
Waite, died last night. She passed away
without being made aware of the death of
her son, Christopher C. Waite, at Colum-
bus yesterday morning.

"BILL NYE" DIES TODAY.

[Special dispatch to the Transcript.]
ASHVILLE, N. C., Feb. 22.—Edgar W.
Nye, famous as "Bill Nye" the humorist,
died at 1 o'clock today of apoplexy after
an illness of about a week at his home at
Buck Shoals.

LOCAL NEWS.

CHURCH NOTICES.
For Tomorrow.

UNIVERSALIST.
The subject of Rev. Mr. Church's morn-
ing sermon will be "What Jesus Claimed
for Himself." In the evening the subject
will be "The Apostles, the Early Defend-
ers of Christianity, as Types of Christian
Heroism."

CONGREGATIONAL.
Regular service in the morning with
sermon by the pastor. In the evening
Rev. Mr. Tenney will preach the second
of the course of Lenten sermons. Subject:
"Jesus, the Carpenter of Nazareth."

BAPTIST.
In the morning Superintendent Allen of
the Rescue mission will give a short talk
on the work of the mission before the ser-
mon. The subject of the morning sermon
will be "The Origin of Hebrew Prophecy."
The subject of Rev. Mr. Tenney's evening
sermon will be "The Catholic Ray, or
Hidden Things Revealed." There will be
a number of baptisms after the evening
sermon.

At 6 p. m. the Senior Young People's
union will hold a prayer meeting in the
Eagle street rooms, and at the same hour
the men's prayer meeting, and the prayer
meeting of the Junior Young People's
union will be held in separate parlors.

ST. JOHN'S.
The program of the St. Andrew's Broth-
erhood assembly will occupy the day and
evening, as follows:

7:30 a. m.—Celebration of the holy communion.
11 a. m.—Morning prayer. Charge to the
brotherhood. The Rev. George J. Pres-
cott, Boston.

2:30 p. m.—(Parish house.) Brotherhood Bi-
ble class. Led by T. H. Eckford, New
Bedford.

3:30 p. m.—Conference on the Boy's Depart-
ment of the brotherhood. Chairman, E.
G. Leggett, New York. Opening Ad-
dress, W. C. Sturges, New Haven. Fol-
lowed by general discussion.

4:40 p. m.—Fundamental principles of the
brotherhood. Speakers, W. C. Sturges,
New Haven, Edward Billings, Boston.

7 p. m.—Evening prayer, followed by ad-
dresses. Lay Speaker, Elias Mober, of
New York.

9 p. m.—Farewell meeting. Addresses by de-
legates.

Y. M. C. A.
Y. M. C. A. branch service at 3 p. m. Men's
service at 8.

METHODIST.
Regular services morning and evening
with sermon by the pastor.

Character Party.

Miss Annie Pike entertained a large
party of young lady friends at a "Charac-
ter party" last evening at her home on
Yonzie street. A prize was awarded to
the one wearing the most fantastic cos-
tume, and this was won by Mrs. Horace
Pike. Another prize was given to the
person correctly guessing the contents of
several packages done up in wrapping
paper. This prize was awarded to Miss
Jessie Dykes. Mrs. Charles Pike won the
prize for remembering the largest num-
ber of articles which were placed in a
chair. Each person was allowed but one
glance at the chair and then asked what
it contained. Afterwards several games
were played, vocal and instrumental
selections were rendered and refreshments
were served, and on the whole, the eve-
ning was very pleasantly spent.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

—The Thursday Afternoon Whist club
will be entertained Thursday at the home
of Mrs. Harry Howes, Church place.

—There is an exhibition at Penniman's
store window a look taken from the old
West college building in Williamstown.
The look is over 100 years old and the key
weighs six ounces.

—The following petition is in circula-
tion: "We, the undersigned, young men of
North Adams, hereby petition for a gym-
nasium with suitable instruction in con-
nection with the Y. M. C. A., and agree
to become members of the same organiza-
tion." The petition is receiving numer-
ous signatures.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Rev. Dr. G. W. Brown, who has been
assisting in special services at Ulica, N.
Y., for two weeks, returned home today
and will occupy his pulpit in the Metho-
dist church tomorrow.

Miss Jessie James of Hall street is the
guest of her sister, Mrs. Arthur Darling,
at Berkshire.

Misses Edith and Fannie Fowles, who
have been the guests of their aunt, Mrs.
Harrison Hanley of Chestnut street, for
the past few weeks, returned today to
their home in Manchester, Conn.

Mrs. Ella Benson and Mrs. Charles
Brooker returned last evening from Paw-
tucket, R. I., where they have been the
guest of Mrs. Eugene Patton.

DR. BASCOM

Speaks at the Board of Trade
Meeting Friday
Night.

"THE WELFARE OF NORTH ADAMS."

A Representative Audience Listens to
His Able Address. Municipal Govern-
ment, How Best to "Hold the
Western Gateway."

A representative North Adams audi-
ence of ladies and gentlemen, which
nearly filled the Pythian hall, met Friday
evening to hear the address of Dr. John
Bascom, delivered under the auspices of
our city board of trade. The announced
subject of the address was "The Welfare
of North Adams," but while the funda-
mental principles of good citizenship, as
brilliantly presented by the eminent
economist and speaker, were peculiarly
applicable to our young city, they ad-
dressed under his scholarly and masterly
treatment a breadth and scope that made
them applicable to state and national as
well as to municipal government.

Preparations had been made to have
the address reported in full but unfor-
tunately, owing to a failure in the illuminat-
ing appointments of the hall, the light
was so dim as to render stenographic
work impossible.

Duties of Citizenship.
Dr. Bascom being very happily intro-
duced by E. S. Wilkinson, president of
the board of trade, began his address by
speaking of the duties of citizenship in
the broadest sense of the word, and said
that while as a nation we had not made a
failure of the republican form of govern-
ment we had not accomplished all that
had been hoped for by the framers of our
constitution. The chief cause of this dis-
appointment he attributed, later in his
address, to the fact that while in the days
of the Revolution the equality of man
was the dominant idea it had ceased to be
true in recent years; stating that no
civilized country within the last thirty
years had developed more striking in-
equality among its citizens than our own.

Individualism vs. Patriotism.
This inequality had been developed
largely by the accumulation of enormous
fortunes and consequent money power in
the hands of selfish and unpatriotic men.
Inequality goes a great way toward sepa-
rating men from each other. If large
fortunes are created by legitimate indus-
trial enterprises no harm could result, but
instead of the result of acquiring such for-
tunes may result in great good to the
community and the nation. But a large
proportion of this individual wealth has
been accumulated by taking advantage of
unwisely framed laws and by unpatriotic
and fraudulent means. Individualism has
suffered by lack of patriotism.

Small Cities the Most Renowned.
In speaking of the desirability of our
starting right as a municipality he said
the citizen is not unlike the city; it is
difficult to change established conditions.
Small cities have always won the greatest
renown in the lines of art and commerce
and have gained a personality and power
that are impossible to large cities. Small
cities are within the handling of the people.
Large cities are largely beyond the
influence of the individual, where the re-
sults of individual efforts are practically
unknown or indefinite. Industrial cities
where all classes are united in their work
have most conspicuously fostered liberty
and social power.

Not So Pretty as Picturesque.
He did not flatter North Adams by say-
ing it was a beautiful spot (and it was
hardly natural—our words not the speak-
er's)—that a resident of such a paradise as
Williamstown should, but he did say it
was an exceedingly picturesque place and
capable of becoming a very interesting
and important city. Its picturesque fea-

Reduction Sale.

We shall make a special low price on some staple goods in our over stocked lines.

Note the Prices.
New Kitchen Cloaks, 8 day,

\$3.50, FORMER PRICE \$5.00.

Sterling Silver Tea Spoons, \$3.50 per set of 6, former price \$5.00. Engraved Free.

Wm. Roger's Tea Spoons, \$1.00 per set.

12 dwt. Rodger's Knives and Forks, \$3.00 per dozen.

L. M. BARNES,

5 Wilson Block.

When you buy—

D. & H.

All Rail Coal

It means that you will have

More Heat,
Less Waste,
Less Labor and
Smaller Bills

than if you buy the product of other mines.

The purchase of One Bale of our Shavings will convince you that they are the cheapest and best means of bedding your horse or cow.

T. W. Richmond & Co.,

31 STATE STREET.

HARVEY A. GALLUP

BUYS,

SELLS

and EXCHANGES

Real Estate

Boland Block, N. Adams.

They all say so.

Mr. Davies Smith, druggist, 30 Mulberry street, Syracuse, N. Y., says: I know of many cases where

Smith's Eye Water

Has been of great benefit, among them a prominent clergyman. It gives satisfaction and is a good seller. It has a yellow wrapper with large eye on top.

ALL DRUGGISTS, 25 CENTS.

The City

CASH

GROCERY

Has no books, no book-keeper and no clerks out soliciting orders. My prices are my salesmen and my goods are sold on a small margin from the wholesale price. Goods delivered.

F. E. BENSON,

Cor. Main and Marshall Sts.

LATE BUYERS

It still finds a

Good Assortment of

**Watches,
Clocks,
Opera Glasses,
Sterling Silver,
Solid Gold Jewelry.**

Special prices will be quoted on certain articles to sell them quickly.

L. W. WHITE,

JEWELER,

....80 MAIN STREET.

NOTICE TO SIDE WALK ABUTTERS.

Side Walk Abutters will take notice that all violations of Section 13 of the By-Laws of this City in reference to removing snow and ice from the side walks in front of their premises will be punished as said By-Laws provide. By order of the Board of Public Works. J. W. CADY, JAS. E. HUNTER, GEO. W. CHACE, City of North Adams, 1896.

SUBURBAN NEWS.

happenings of Interest in Our Neighbor Towns.

AT ADAMS TODAY.

High School Debating Club.

The affirmative side won the high school debating club's discussion, Friday evening of the question: "Resolved, That the juniors should appropriate the money usually expended buying presents for the seniors, to decorate the walls of the high school." A vote showed the sentiment of the club to oppose the idea. The leaders on the respective sides were: Affirmative, Edna Reeves, Emma Richmond, Jessie Harrington, Thomas Barrett; negative, Katie Daniels and Fannie Beckwith. These teachers were judges; Principal Hull, Miss Rich, Miss Allen, Mrs. Burton.

Dr. Zahner Given a Call.

Rev. Dr. Louis Zahner, pastor of St. Mark's Episcopal church, is considering a call given him by the Church of the Resurrection, a parish suburban to Brooklyn and New York. The church is situated in the midst of the suburban residences of city business men. Dr. Zahner will consider the call several weeks and his parish and friends hope he will ultimately decline it and remain here.

Freight Car Off the Trestle.

Friday afternoon a freight car was derailed on the trestle over the canal east of the new Berkshire mill. The wheels sank between the ties which are quite a distance apart. It was at first thought the engine could draw it off with a few tacks, but a trial of this method proved unsuccessful on account of the firm lodgment of the wheels between the ties. This morning a wrecking car was run up from Pittsfield and the car was replaced. This is the third accident of this kind near this point within a short time.

Lauriston King.

Lauriston King died suddenly at the home of Albert Stetson on Reeves street this morning at the age of 68 years. Mr. King was born in Plainfield in 1829 and lived in that town and Hawley all his life until four years ago, when he came to this town. He had suffered from dropsy and heart disease, and his death was probably due to the latter, as he was about the house and fell down. He is survived by a son in Bradford, Conn. The funeral will occur Monday.

Claims Her Father Was Insane.

The will of the late James Duane Burton, father of Dr. C. W. Burton and Mrs. George B. Anthony of this town, proved that two-thirds of his property, which was valued at \$7000, should be the former's and the remaining third was left to Mrs. Anthony. There was a special probate session here this week and in spite of the remonstrance Judge Slocum admitted the will to probate. Mrs. Anthony claims that her father was not mentally sound when he made the will, in 1893. He lived with her then, and many years previous. Mrs. Anthony, through her counsel, has appealed to the Massachusetts supreme court and a long legal battle is imminent.

An Eloquent Address.

The Lenten services at St. Charles church Friday evening were largely attended. The sermon, by Rev. Father Ryan of New York, was a Lenten instruction and at the close he dwelt upon the words of the Saviour on the cross: "I Thirst." He made an eloquent appeal and ended by administering the temperance pledge to nearly every one in his congregation for the season of Lent. Father Ryan is a masterly preacher, and was listened to with deep interest and great pleasure by his audience.

The Baptist society will have the first supper of the season and an ice cream social at the chapel of the new church Tuesday evening. The affair is indirectly for the benefit of the Sunday school.

A St. Andrew's Brotherhood will probably be organized at St. Charles' church Sunday.

The new storehouse to be built by the Berkshire Cotton company, told in Friday's TRANSCRIPT, will be 120 feet long, 88 feet wide at the largest part and 44 at the smallest.

The exercises in the public schools Friday afternoon were of a character appropriate to the day in honor of which they were held, and the many visitors to the various buildings were very much interested and pleased.

The reading room and library will be closed this evening.

The regular monthly meeting of Division 3, A. O. U. will be held at their new hall in Jones' block Sunday.

The regular meeting of the Young Men's Literary society has been postponed from Feb. 24 to March 4.

E. A. Anson has bought out the milk route of Richmond Oakes of Zytouite.

William McDonald has gone to Pittsfield to work in Kennedy & MacInnes dry goods store.

"Outcasts of a Great City" will be presented here Thursday evening.

March 6 will end the present term of school for the primary and lower grade grammar schools, and the spring vacation for the higher grammar and high schools will begin a week later.

The primary departments of the Baptist Sunday school will give a Washington entertainment at the chapel of the new church this evening.

It is expected that about sixty-five couples will attend the sleighride of the Turn Varsians to Pittsfield this evening. Prof. Preston Brown of North Adams will play the Baptist church organ Sunday.

The St. Jean Baptiste society admitted twenty new members Thursday evening. Friday evening a large party of local young people enjoyed a sleighride to West Cumington, having a social and supper at the Deer Hill house. They returned home early this morning.

The Woman's Relief corps will serve an oyster supper at Grand Army hall Friday evening and each guest will have to pay as many cents as he has lived years.

The King's Daughters will serve supper at the congregation house at 6 o'clock this afternoon.

The missionary board of the Baptist church will meet with Miss Grace Jubb at 6 o'clock today.

The funeral of the late William Dunn occurred from St. Charles' church at 9 o'clock this morning. The bearers were Patrick Moriarty, John J. Daly, Thomas

Scollon, Henry M. Farn, Patrick Carey and William Martin.

This morning Assistant Superintendent P. J. Stanton of the Metropolitan Life Insurance company paid to Richard Cummings \$125, on a policy held by his wife. The policy was for \$500, and according to the rules only one-fourth could be paid, as Mrs. Cummings died within six months after its issue. As a matter of fact she was insured only one week and paid to the company only twenty-six cents.

WILLIAMSTOWN.

"Charity" Jim's Return.

"Charity" Jim Bridgeman was brought before Justice A. M. Smith Friday morning, Judge Keyes Danforth being away. S. G. Tenney, counsel for the defendant, not being notified properly, did not appear on time to speak for "Charity." The case was postponed. Jan. 25 "Charity" walked into Edgar Noel's saloon on North street in a wild condition, brandishing a sharp pointed iron in his hand. He threatened the life of the bartender present who ran up stairs and the other attendant came down from the room above. Finally both men managed to get him out. Samuel Starkweather happened to be passing outside and hearing the noise, peeped through the window and saw what was happening.

Mr. Starkweather testified in court Friday as did Mr. Noel and his assistant. "Charity" is a dangerous man when intoxicated.

Guy Town is confined at home with a severe cold. Fred Prindle is taking his place in Mather's store.

A. G. Galusha has been living in Berlin, N. Y., for a part of the winter. He was in town on business Friday.

Several teachers attended the teachers' meeting in Pittsfield Friday.

Mrs. Thompson is teaching in Miss Gavit's school. She taught several weeks ago when Miss Gavit was ill.

A daughter, weight over 11 pounds, arrived at H. C. Walden's Friday morning.

William J. O'Hearn, for several years N. J. Barons' assistant in his wagon shop and later proprietor of the blacksmith shop at Stamford, Vt., formerly conducted by Mr. Bennett. Mr. O'Hearn will not move his family there until April.

Washington's birthday was appropriately observed at the high school. Miss Maynard and Smith's school united and Mrs. Whelden and Brookman's likewise in exercises in honor of Washington. Flags were artistically arranged upon the walls. Many parents of the scholars were present.

Many students are taking advantage of Washington's birthday for a holiday.

The electric cars were stalled several times on Southworth avenue Friday. The snow drifting constantly.

George Cummings' horse fell down at foot of Chapel hill Friday noon. It took much time and the aid of several men to get the animal on its feet.

Spring street hotel, George Haab, proprietor. Restaurant department open from 7 a. m. to 12 p. m. Clams served on half shell. Clams for sale at rate of 80 cents per hundred. Chowder always on hand in plate or quantity. Please give my place a trial, satisfaction guaranteed.

POWAL.

A. W. Haff will occupy the M. E. desk Sunday evening. Subject, "By His Death."

WHY POTATOES ARE CHEAP.

Low Tariff on Tobacco Makes Farmers Grow More Tubers.

The low value at which potatoes are selling this year is due to the larger area of land planted to that crop, because of the smaller area planted to tobacco, as farmers are not paid for tobacco unremunerative under the existing low tariff.

In the November crop report of the department of agriculture Secretary Morton said:

"New York, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa—states of large acreage—have all yields of more than 100 bushels per acre, some of them greatly in excess of that figure. The general average for quality is 94.8. The states of large yield named above are also among those in which the quality is high. In three of them it is rated above 100."

So as to note the effect of the decreased tobacco area planted in three of these states of "large acreage" and "of large yield," as well as in Massachusetts, which Secretary Morton did not include, we give the decrease in the tobacco areas of each, their average yield of potatoes and the average quality of their potato crop:

State	Decrease in tobacco area, Per cent.	Average potato yield, Bushels.	Quality, Per cent.
New York	35	122	103
Pennsylvania	27	111	101
Wisconsin	48	107	101
Massachusetts	15	108	93

In these four states the average yield of potatoes was 118 bushels per acre and the average quality was 100—that is a perfect crop. All of these states were tobacco growing states, and their tobacco area was reduced, while their acreage planted to potatoes was increased. The result was that the rich tobacco lands gave enormous yields of potatoes of excellent quality. It would be better for farmers who grow potatoes that more land should again be used in growing tobacco. This can be assured by restoring the McKinley tariff on tobacco leaf.

How Farmers Feel.

Free wool is a dismal failure. It has had a free trial, though its advocates still insist that more time is needed to demonstrate that free wool and protected wools are the best policy. But if the experiment is tried much longer there won't be many sheep left to care what is done.—American Agriculturist.

Why the Bother, Then?

Secretary Carlisle says that "no surplus revenue, however large, could be created as from our present difficulties or give assurance of safety in the future."

Why on earth, then, was there so much fuss and bother about that "tariff for revenue only?"

The Real Reason.

The tariff law was to be repealed, not because our country had not prospered and our industries had not increased and multiplied almost beyond the dreams of its framers, but because it was Republican.—Bellamy Storer, M. C.

Steamer Loughborough, bound to New York from Hamburg, put in at Halifax shore of coal. She had a tempestuous passage.

ANNUAL MEETING.

New England Local Assembly of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

OPENED IN THIS CITY TODAY.

A Large and Important Gathering. First Service at St. John's Church this Morning. Address of Welcome by Rev. Mr. Tebbets.

The annual meeting of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew in New England opened at St. John's church this morning at 9 o'clock with morning prayer. Rev. J. C. Tebbets then delivered the following

Address of Welcome.

I bid you welcome with all my heart, brothers of St. Andrew, to our city and to our homes.

In the name of the people of North Adams, who are interested in every good work, I thank you that hither you have come to hold your annual assembly and take counsel together of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.

It is a little parish, and of few years, to which you have come. The men who established it are still in the prime of life and are engaged in active work. And yet, though small and young, it has a welcome for you which I trust may characterize it as "given to hospitality," according to the advice bestowed upon the faithful Timothy by the great apostle.

It is a little city to which you have come, the youngest in the commonwealth of Massachusetts, if not in the United States, and yet it contains most, if not all, of the problems, social, industrial, ethical, religious, which are to be found in the largest centers of population. It also contains a remarkable number of thoughtful laymen who, though they belong to different communions, are nevertheless concerned in the solution of these same problems. These young men extend to you, Brothers of St. Andrew, a cordial welcome and are confident you have come to help them.

There is to me no grander sight, if you will allow me to say so, than a company of representative laymen so large as this, gathered together from places far apart and at considerable expense of money and time and effort, to confer together about the work of Christ in their own individual lives and in the lives of the men who are round about them.

It was not so long ago that that was the business, not of business men, but of men in holy orders. And had such an assembly as this been gathered then, with the avowed object of taking a solemn and serious part in the responsible work of the church, it would have been regarded as an impertinence. But today, thank God, that sort of thing is neither an impertinence nor a marvel, and they who give some portion of their time as well as their means to the spread of Christ's kingdom are thought of as only doing their Christian duty, and as trying to keep and perform their baptismal vows.

My brothers, I have confidence that the opportunities of this assembly are peculiarly fortunate and favorable, not only because of the place of meeting, the topics to be considered, the character of the men who are to consider them, or the response with which they will be met, but also because of the time of meeting. We have just crossed the threshold of our holy season of Lent. The season will necessarily have its influence upon the communicated thought of this assembly, and so upon hearts that are trying to live near to the cross of Christ. They to whom you will speak will be peculiarly open to your message, and you who speak will get inspiration for your message from the example of Him who spent these forty days in the wilderness, and from the presence of those who are trying to follow that example.

May God's richest blessing rest upon you in all your deliberations and in all things else, and may your coming together be to us here as the visit of an angel.

At 9:45 o'clock the business session opened. Edmund Billings of Boston presided, and Benjamin F. Townsend of Portland, Me., was chosen secretary pro tem. Mr. Tardee not being present. A committee on credentials consisting of Mr. Benner of North Adams, Mr. Hanford of Portland, Me., and Mr. Taberner of Providence, was appointed by the chair. The committee reported twenty-nine delegates present with credentials and twenty-eight of the Brotherhood without credentials. A committee on nominations consisting of Mr. Gardner of Boston, Mr. Metcalf of Newburyport and Mr. Chaffield of New Haven, Conn., was chosen. It retired and reported. The report was returned, the meeting not being satisfied that the old officers were interested enough to attend the annual meeting, should be re-elected. The election of officers was postponed.

The report of Arthur H. Chester, treasurer, was read. It showed a balance on hand last year of \$49.07, receipts \$66, total cash \$115.07, payments \$19.17 and \$6.87, balance on hand \$95.

It was recommended that a voluntary contribution of 10 cents from each chapter member for the support of the assembly be made and the matter of finance was left to the executive committee. The session adjourned while adopting by sections revised by-laws which were causing some discussion.

At 11 o'clock the conference on "The Duties of Chapter Officers" was begun. Mr. Newell was chairman instead of Frank Westervelt of New Haven, Conn.

There was Brotherhood prayer at noon, and at 12:30 lunch was served in the parish house. At 2 o'clock a conference was opened, with Albert W. White of Cambridge, Chairman. The subjects discussed were "College Work," "Hotel Work," "House-to-house Visiting" and "The Country Chapter." Among the speakers were H. B. Huntington of Cambridge, F. C. Dayton of Boston, R. H. Gardner of Boston and E. Bosworth of Lee.

At 3 o'clock Dr. C. J. Blake delivered an address on "Social Purity," and at 4 o'clock the question box was opened. Silas McBee of New York being in charge. At 4:30 the meeting gave its attention to business.

Harry D. Lloyd of Boston, who was appointed to speak this evening, is detained at home by illness and will be unable to meet his appointment. The speakers will be Robert H. Gardner of Boston and Silas McBee of New York. The trades unions are specially invited. The subject for discussion is "The Duty of a Christian Layman to the Church and to Society."

EARNINGS REDUCED.

RAILROADS HAVE LOST \$1,000 PER MILE OF LINE SINCE 1891.

Passenger and Freight Departments Feel the Democratic Times—Nearly 100,000 Men Lose Their Jobs—Light Demand For Goods Makes Idle Engines.

President Robert M. Oliphant of the Delaware and Hudson Canal company said, "I see no reason why the result should have any effect on the condition of railroad interests."

Vice President Martin Luther Sykes of the Chicago and Northwestern said: "I have not thought of the result of the election in its bearing on railroad properties. They cannot be affected one way or the other. Our manufacturing plants will not be shut down, nor shall we stop growing crops, and the business of the roads must continue. Railroads benefit from the prosperity of the people."

The foregoing statements appeared in the New York Sun of Nov. 11, 1893, immediately after the election of the present Democratic administration. We ask President Robert M. Oliphant and Vice President Martin Luther Sykes to examine with us the income account of railroads up to June 30, 1895. We take from an early report of the statistician to the interstate commission, Mr. Henry C. Adams, the following figures:

RAILROAD EARNINGS PER MILE OF LINE. Fiscal year.

	Passenger Freight.
1891.....	\$2,000
1892.....	2,104
1893.....	2,120
1894.....	2,000
1895.....	1,784
Average.....	\$2,000
1894.....	1,601
1895.....	1,784
Average.....	\$1,693
Difference, 1894-5.....	\$233

President Oliphant has undoubtedly already realized the error he made in saying that he could "see no reason why the result (Democratic success in the national elections of 1893) should have any effect on the condition of railroad interests." The reason was stated by Vice President Sykes, because "railroads benefit from the prosperity of the people."

As the people did not have prosperity during the two years of this Democratic administration, they could not afford to travel on the railroads, consequently the passenger earnings averaged \$223 per mile less for the 1894 and 1895 years than their average during the three years of McKinley protection to the American people. The same reason, the lack of prosperity among the people, checked the demand for goods, reducing the quantity of freight to be hauled, and consequently the freight earnings of all railroads from an average of \$4,818 per mile down to \$4,077, a loss to the companies of \$740 per mile under the Democratic administration, making a total loss of \$950 per mile.

The statistician of the interstate commerce commission, Mr. Henry C. Adams, fully realizes the cause and effect, for he said in his report:

"It should be remembered, in order to understand the trend of business reflected in these figures, that the years 1891 and 1892, especially the latter, were unusually prosperous years for the railroads so far as the volume of traffic is concerned, but that the year 1893 witnessed a great commercial panic, and that the years 1894 and 1895 are properly characterized as years of commercial depression."

"The most significant fact in the above comparison, as throwing light upon the effect of commercial depression upon railway management, is found in the movement of operating expenses."

In last year's preliminary report attention was called to the fact that a reduction in operating expenses follows rather than accompanies a decrease in gross earnings. The present report seems to indicate that when the managers of railroads are forced to reduce operating expenses the cut is made decisive and final. Thus the decrease in the operating expenses for the fiscal year 1894, as compared with 1893, was \$718 per mile of line; the corresponding decrease for the year ending June 30, 1895, as compared with the fiscal year 1894, was but \$44 per mile of line."

This reduction in operating expenses caused 94,000 railroad employees to lose their jobs. These men, thrown out of work, had to tramp it when seeking employment elsewhere. They could not afford to patronize the railroads; hence they added nothing to the passenger earnings. Enforced economy compelled them to buy less clothing, possibly less food also. Thus the freight earnings of the railroads were reduced. The hauling of food and clothing for 94,000 men would represent a good deal of tonnage.

Railroad presidents and vice presidents, even if their salaries were not reduced, have had a little experience that will enable them to reason out the why and wherefore of good and bad times. They can help to restore the good times by working for Republican success in this year's elections.

The Beginning and the End.

This is the beginning of a Democratic era, and Democratic senators are chosen to attend to the public business, not to their own.—New York World, Nov. 25, 1892.

We may now add that this is the end of a Democratic era, and Democratic senators are chosen to attend to their own business, not to that of the public.

Don't Give Us the Satisfaction.

More tariff and less bonds would give the people better satisfaction in these days of government deficiencies, Cleveland administrations and Wilson industry destroying measures.—South Bend (Ind.) Daily Tribune.

What Senator Frye Says.

The only prominent champions of free trade today in the world are England and the Democratic party of the United States. Amazing co-partnership!—Senator Frye.

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LESBIA.

As I thence the sweetest hodge a fancy Sulked as night as a roach-blow. And methought that a sweetest hodge, my Nancy Parted us two.

And I wonder'd how came it betwixt us twain, Breat high, a bristle with doubts and fears— Laugh'd you at my sonnet? Trod on your trait? And hence these ten's?

But life was made bitter for love to make sweet: Thorny the rose, the rose makes amends. Ah, child, let us run past these briers and meet. Kiss and be friends.

—May Brotherston in New York Tribune.

HOW LITTLE GIRL KEPT THE SEAT.

